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Sir:

In accordance with the duty to disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, attached hereto is a Form PTO-1449 listing two references which may be considered material in evaluating the patentability of the claims of the above-identified application. These two references were cited in a search report prepared by the European Patent Office in corresponding International Application No. PCT/US03/31066. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed herewith for review by the Examiner along with a copy of the cited European reference. As the Examiner will note, both references cited in the attached 1449 were found to be of the "A" type. Pursuant to the PTO's waiver under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) (1276 OG 55), no copy of the cited U.S. reference is provided herewith.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is requested since it is being submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits (37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3)). It is believed that no fees are required with this submission.

Favorable action is earnestly solicited. If there are any questions, or if additional information is required, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' attorney at the number listed below.

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